

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 2 and 11-13 are currently amended, and claim 1 has been canceled. After entry of the above amendment, claims 2-14 are pending, with claims 7-10 temporarily withdrawn from consideration, and claim 1 is canceled.

The abstract has been amended to be in the proper format.

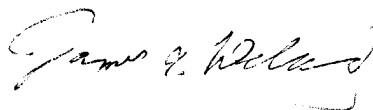
The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 2-6 and 11-14. Claims 2 and 11-13 have been rewritten to be in independent form, so claims 2-6 and 11-14 should now be allowable.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hanatani (US 2002/0128112). Claim 1 has been canceled, so this basis for rejection is considered moot.

Withdrawn claims 7-10 depend from allowed generic claim 2, so claims 7-10 should be allowable as well.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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